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THE REV. ALAN WALKER

(Sir Alan Walker)

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**The Cross of Triumph - symbolic of the triumph of the Gospel throughout the earth.*

CANDY ROASTERS — O.Q. Coates of Enka grew these giant candy roasters in his garden this summer. Displayed in the yard of his home on Sardis Road, they have drawn lots of attention.

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College Students To Present Play

"Wires to the Sea," a student-directed one-act play, will be performed at Theater UNC-Asheville Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The play, written by Irishman John Millington Synge, is set on Inishmaan, one of the three Aran Islands off the west coast of Ireland.

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Rotary Golf Tourney To Aid Handicapped

By PATTY WALDRUP
Staff Writer

When Arden Rotarians gather at 11 a.m. Nov. 11, it will not be to hold their regular breakfast meeting at McGillicuddy's Restaurant.

The 35 members will be on hand at the Grove Park Inn Country Club to sponsor the club's first annual benefit golf tournament.

The proceeds from the event this year will go to the Irene Wortham Day Care Center for general operational expenses.

The idea was first conceived by Asheville attorney Phillip G. Kelley, who became familiar with the day care center about two years ago as a member of the Arden Rotary's handicap committee.

"I've always had a special empathy for people who can work with handicapped individuals," Kelley said.

The Irene Wortham Day Care Center provides care for mentally handicapped children and adults.

"They (Irene Wortham center) seem to be filling a real need in the community," Kelley said. "It takes a very special person to work with handicapped people on a day-to-day basis.

Any Rotarian, as well as the public, is invited to participate in the golf tournament.

The cost, which will include golf cart and green fees, is $25.

Businesses will be asked to help support the event.

Persons interested in participating in the golf tournament or obtaining additional information, are asked to contact Kelley at 254-4385.

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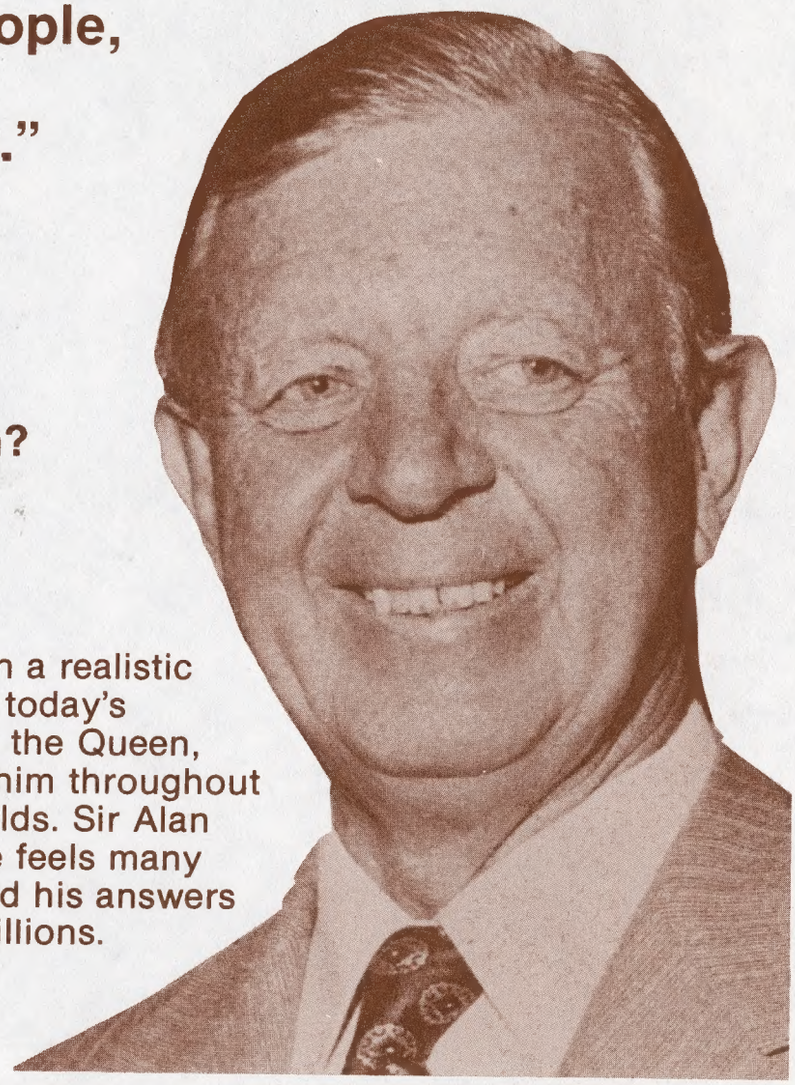

Fed up with the church?
Lonely?
No one seems to care?
Tired of the treadmill?

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We call to your attention another area of Trinity's Ministry as you consider your pledge for next year:

MISSIONS - *"TO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS".* The Biblical mandate for mission is one which the United Methodist Church has always taken seriously. This mission is carried out through the National, World and UMCOR divisions of the Board of Global Ministries. We have work in 123 countries. The ministry of evangelism is through preaching, education, healing, Crusade scholars, refugees and relief from disasters. There are more than 9,000 programs related to the Board. As United Methodists, and members of Trinity Church we support these through World Service, United Methodist Women and General Advance.

Trinity's budget for Missions in 1984 include the following:

New church construction, Korea
Bolivia-Andean Rural Health Project
Girl's Technical School, Lodja, Zaire
Methodist Hospital, Nadiad, Gujarat, India
UMCOR, World Hunger
Cherokee Mission and Hinton Center
United Volunteers in Mission
District Mission Society
Building team and materials

In a recent letter from the Methodist Hospital in India, the director wrote, "We are greatly encouraged and assisted by your concern and sharing. You have reached out to the underprivileged, sick and needy here. You are our partners in Christ's work. We are grateful for your generous and kind gift."

A FINAL MEETING OF THE 1983 PREACHING MISSION STEERING COMMITTEE AND COORDINATORS will be held next Thursday night, Oct. 20 at 7:30 in the minister's study. Please plan to attend if possible so that we can complete our plans and arrangements.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Lay Leader, Charles Mills - *Co-chairperson of "Citizen's Luncheon"*
Chairperson, Administrative Board, Curtis Snipes - *YAH Representative*
Chairperson of Council on Ministries, Mary Mann - *Prayer and Spiritual preparation*
Chairperson of Committee on Evangelism, Nan Corbin - *Evangelism workshop and community outreach*
Chairperson of Committee on Worship, Evelyn Snipes - *Greeters and Ushers*
Minister, Bob Moore and Tom and Mary Jo Harrison - *General Planning and Promotion*

COORDINATORS FOR OTHER AREAS

Hal Starnes- *Co-chairperson of "Citizen's Luncheon"*
Wade Fair- *Hospitality for guest preacher and wife*
Margaret Hutchison - *Dinner for guest preacher and leaders from participating churches*
Bill Milholen - *Parking*
Marge Blakely - *Mailing*
Edna Cook - *Nursery*
Corinne Varner - *Youth*
Jennie Lynn Krichbaum - *Bulletin boards, newsletter, etc., promotion*
Sue and Jim Kilgo - *Book sales*
Glenn May - *Sound and T.V.*

We wish to express our gratitude to each of these persons who have assumed special responsibility and leadership in preparation for the Mission, also many thanks to others working with them including members of the church staff: Rosemary Gamble, Christine Cook, Lenoir Bridges, June Smith and John Suttles.
Please continue to pray for the Preaching Mission November 6-9.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Steve Brown's messages delivered at the Preaching Mission last year may be heard over WFGW, Black Mountain station at 1:05 p.m. Conference Hour program, Thursday & Friday Oct. 20, 21 and Thursday & Friday Oct. 27 and 28.

IN MEMORIAM

Anna Ruble Brank

September 18, 1983

The minister and congregation extend love and sympathy to the Brank family.

MEMORIALS

PARLOR FUND - In loving memory of *Ruble Brank* by Janet Nihlean, Mr. & Mrs. M.S. Flippen, Judge and Mrs. C.E. Hamilton, W.E. and Frances Helms, Mary Rozendale, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Snipes, Ada Ballenger, Eula and Erma Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. D. K. Misenheimer.

CHOIR ROBE FUND - in loving memory of *O. S. Hooker* by Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Snipes.

FLOWER FUND- In loving memory of *Mrs. Ilda Barnhardt* by Mrs. E. G. Lewis

IN THE HOSPITALS

OTEEN - Nick Praytor

ST. JOSEPH'S - Larry Scholtz

MEMORIAL MISSION - Frances Cole

YOUTH NEWS: The youth are planning a craft workshop for the Halloween party on Oct. 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Plans are under way for the Halloween Carnival on Sat, Oct. 29th for children in W. Asheville area. UMY Sunday at 5:30.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

IT'S ALMOST SPOOK TIME! OUR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY, SPONSORED BY OUR YOUTH, WILL BE SAT. OCT. 29th! BE PREPARING YOUR COSTUME FOR OUR "OCTOBER OUTING!"

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Present at Sunday School on the 9th were Bobby Bell, Matthew Brookshire, Timothy Brookshire, William Clark, Ashley Conners, Elizabeth Harris, Leigh Miall, Tripp Miall, Robbie Player, Adam Wharon and Becca Wharton.

Taylor Biggers and Nathan Singerman sure had fun at McDonald's last week. MANY THANKS to Vicki Biggers, Nan Corbin and Bobbie Krichbaum for being our ADULT SUPPORT GROUP on this outing.

SPECIAL THANKS to the parents, grandparents and uncle of Matthew and Timothy for purchasing the new piano in our sanctuary. The children are looking forward to "singing along with it" in the future.

We all enjoyed hearing the children sing on the 9th and learned a good lesson from their song - "Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more." THANKS, ERNIE!

A small boy ran home and made a report to his parents about the new family with twins that had just moved into the neighborhood. "They've got two little boys with the same face!"

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
10:00 a.m. Visitation Committee

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
9:30 a.m. "Sing Along with June and Ernie"
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service with Rev. William Erwin
12:15 p.m. LUNCH FOR STEWARDSHIP VISITORS, VISITATION
5:30 p.m. UMY
7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meet.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Club
9:00 p.m. FINAL REPORTS and VICTORY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19
12:00 p.m. YAH Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Theophilus Group
6:30 p.m. United Meth. Men

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:30 p.m. PREACHING MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING
7:30 p.m. Troop 3 BSA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
UMW RUMMAGE SALE

VAN DRIVERS FOR OCT. 16 - Ted Meadows (254 8496) and Tom Harrison (258 8299). Tom will drive the W. Asheville van.

VAN DRIVERS FOR OCT. 23 - John Miall, Jr. and Steve Self.

"TASTE FEAST" is coming up Oct. 30 featuring items from the UMW Cookbook. The cookbooks are selling fast! Put your order in now!

DON'T FORGET UMM PROGRAM ON THE 19th - A History of Asheville by Robert Fortune. Ladies welcome. Reservations a must if you come for supper.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY - 190
BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED - $3,231.45
RECEIVED TO DATE - $117,296.42
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Faith, Conscience, Action Necessary, Evangelist Says

Henry Robinson

"A born-again Christian without a social conscience is a menace, and so is a social actionist who has lost touch with the need for worship and the sacraments and changed lives," says the director of world evangelism for the World Methodist Council, who will conduct a preaching mission next month in Asheville.

"The effective church is not prepared only to sing hymns and to preach," said Sir Alan Walker of Australia. "The effective church is bent on finding ways of meeting the basic need of people, be it loneliness, poverty or hunger.

"Only in Australia, England or in Scandinavia and New Zealand would one make the statement that the church is dying," Walker said. "If you look at the Western world, of which Australia is a part, you'd have to say it's the most godless and toughest mission in the world. There is less happening in the Western world in terms of Christian awakening — the United States is an exception," he said.

WALKER

Walker will speak Nov. 6 through 9 at an the annual interdenominational services of the Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission at Trinity United Methodist Church on Haywood Road.

"Take the Soviet Union; the church there has outlived the Communist threat. It has survived and is growing, precisely because people gathered in their small groups to pray and to study the Bible and to have fellowship and sharing together. This is happening in all sorts of situation around the the world and it's building up a new life in the world.

The knighted clergyman said the first need of the church is to have a larger number of ministers and lay people who feel competent and confident to evangelize. "So many theological colleges turn out maintenance ministers — so many congregations are maintenance congregations."

Walker, who has conducted preaching missions in South Africa, said apartheid is an absolute denial of God's will and the world cannot rest until is is swept away. "The Christian faith," he said, "declares all people are created equal in God's sight — all are redeemed by the same Savior — all are destined for the same immortality.

"Apartheid, like slavery before it, cannot be reformed. It can only be abolished. Racism exists in the many minds and societies around the world, but only in South Africa is racism legalized and institutionalized," Walker said.

South Africa, he said, must choose between change and catastrophe. The hope of South Africa lies in the mobilizing of a Christian "Third Force," pledged by non-violence, to establish a society of justice and freedom. Only disaster lies ahead if the nation is forced to choose between apartheid maintained by force and social exchange sought through violence and revolution, he said.

The Christian Church holds the key to the future, he said. Being multi-racial in faith and practice, the Methodist Church in South Africa carries heavy responsibilities. If it could harness its strength, it could lead the nation forward. No government could ban or imprison a whole church if it set out to rid South Africa of the scourge of racism.

"Christians everywhere are praying that the church shall become an instrument of God for setting the people free and enabling South Africa again to be welcomed into the family of nations," Walker said.

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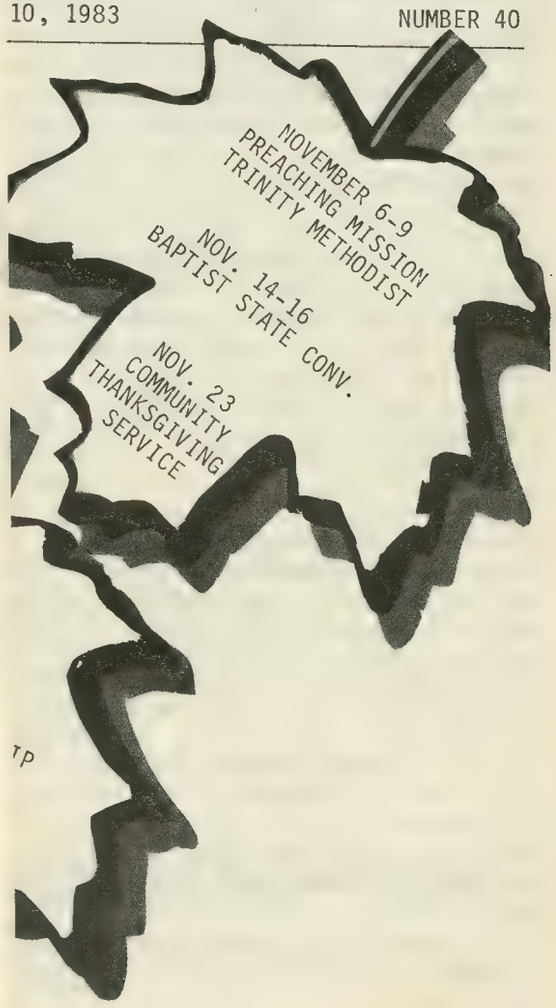

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A nursery and rooms for prayer and counseling will be provided for each service

OTHER EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCHEON - Wednesday, Nov. 9, 12:00 noon at Trinity U.M.C. Speaker - Mrs. Winifred Walker.

Churches providing leadership and choir members for the Mission are:

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Calvary Baptist
Church of the Nazarine
Evangelical Methodist
Grace Baptist
Malvern Hills Presbyterian
St. George's Episcopal
Trinity United Methodist
West Asheville Baptist
West Asheville Presbyterian
Westwood Baptist

Pentecost

Fairmont United Methodist Church

2501 Clark Avenue
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607

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Minister

Susan P. Hobbs
Christian Ed. Assistant

Laura Bateman
Church Secretary

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Organist

Ruby McClamb
Church Hostess

Walter McClamb, Jr.
Custodian

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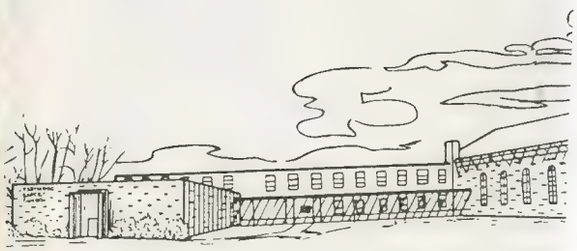

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PREACHING MISSION

November 6-9 our church will join efforts with other churches in West Asheville for an Evangelism and Preaching Mission. These services will be at Trinity United Methodist Church, and Dr. Alen Walker of Australia will be preaching. Mrs Walker will be speaking to the ladies on Tuesday, November 8 at 10:00 am at St.George's Episcopal Church.

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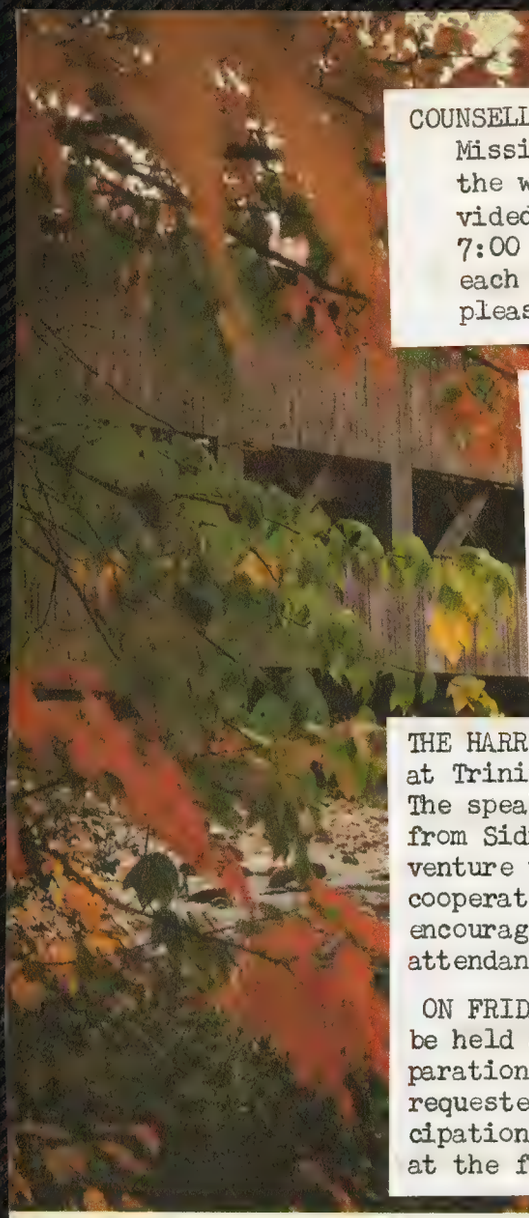
Walter Brock, Chairman
Committee on Stewardship

WESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

13. If you, or someone you know, would like to join our church, please contact Mr. Sabiston.

THE SECOND HARRISON-SHAW PREACHING MISSION, established in memory of W.S. Harrison, Sr., of Asheville, and in honor of J. Paul Shaw of Raleigh and Fairmont Church, will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Asheville, November 6-9. Rev. Alan Walker, Director of World Evangelism, World Methodist Council, Sydney, Australia, will be the preacher. The services are interdenominational and designed to offer Christian inspiration, nurture and fellowship to all people.



COUNSELLORS are needed for the Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission to be held at Trinity United Methodist Church the week of November 6 - 9. Training will be provided on October 17, 19 and 20 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. (one hour sessions; attend either time) each day. If you can help and are willing to do so, please see Dick McIntyre today for further information.

ON NOVEMBER 4, each of the eleven churches cooperating in The Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission is asked to participate in an all-day prayer vigil to be held at West Asheville Presbyterian Church. Each church has been asked to fill one hour. The hour assigned to us begins at 3:00 p.m. with a brief devotional by your pastor, with the balance being spent in prayer. Please sign the sheet on the table at the front of the sanctuary indicating your participation.

THE HARRISON-SHAW PREACHING MISSION which is to be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Nov. 6-9, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the services will be Sir Alan Walker from Sidney, Australia. The Mission is an ecumenical venture with eleven churches in the West Asheville area cooperating. We are one of those churches and you are encouraged to support this effort with your prayers and attendance.

ON FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK, an all-day prayer vigil will be held at West Asheville Presbyterian Church in preparation for the Preaching Mission. Our church has been requested to take the 3:00 o'clock hour. Your participation is urged. Please sign the sheet on the table at the front of the sanctuary.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:6

Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church

Rev. Glen A. McClung, Pastor

THE HARRISON-SHAW PREACHING MISSION gets under way at 7:30 this evening at Trinity United Methodist Church with eleven churches in the West Asheville area cooperating in this effort for the Lord's sake. An insert is included in your bulletin this morning to give you detailed information about the services and various other activities during these few days. You are encouraged to pray for and participate in these services and seminars. For this reason, our regular Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services have been cancelled to allow your attendance at these special services.

Mrs. Alan Walker will speak to the ladies at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 8, at St. George Episcopal Church. ALL ladies from our congregation are invited to attend.

The Lamplighter

WEST ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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		1	2 7:00 Mid-Week Serv Choir	4 Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission Prayer Vigil at our Church	5 *Pam McCurry*
6 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship - Congregational Election 4:00 Handbells 5:30 Youth Fellowship 7:00 Harrison - Shaw Preaching Mission at Trinity United Methodist Church *Lynette Mastin* Dr. Alan Walker, Evangelist	7 of Deacons *Minta Greene*	8 10:00 A. M. Mrs. Alan Walker will speak to women only at St. George's Episcopal Church (Circle #5 will meet at Marci Greene's)	9	11 Church Office Closed.... *Kelly Vollrath* *Dot Gunnin* Veterans Day	12 *Christine Glenn*
13 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship - YOUTH SUNDAY 4:00 Handbells 5:30 Youth Fellowship 7:00 Session	14 C I R C L E M E E T I N G S	15	16 *Faye Haynie* 7:00 Mid-Week Serv Choir	18 *Bob Vollrath*	19 2:00 Baby Shower for Ellen Schramm - Fellowship Hall
20 8:00 Men of Church Breakfast	21	22	23	25	26

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PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE PREACHING MISSION

The PRAYER VIGIL for the Preaching Mission this year will be community wide. It will be held at our neighboring West Asheville Presbyterian Church, Friday, Nov. 4, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Each church is asked to encourage persons from its membership to participate and undergird the Mission with prayer. You may come at any time - but the hours which Trinity is specifically responsible for are from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be sheets in the Sunday School classes that you may make your committment to this.

If you cannot come during "our hours" come at a different time and stay as long as you like. Ministers from the various churches will be providing leadership at the beginning of each hour.

Let's be in prayer now, on Nov. 4 and afterwards for God's guidance on this evangelical thrust here at Trinity and for the whole community.

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COUNSELOR TRAINING FOR MISSION - Dr. Steven Carreker, minister of Calvary Baptist Church, conducted three counselor training sessions this week, for the Preaching Mission. He discussed and brought into focus (1) The Essentials of Faith, (2) The Sequence of Faith and (3) A Clear Way of the Counseling Process. Persons who attended found this to be very valuable training and we express our gratitude to Dr. Carreker.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE "TASTE FEAST" on Sunday, Oct. 30 (Family Night) at 6:00 p.m. Items from the "Kitchen-Aide" cookbook will be featured. If any of the cookbooks are left they will be on sale that night. They are selling fast, so if you need some get them now either at the office or call Sharon Brookshire (258 0845).

ABOUT THE COOKBOOKS - Some of the recipes may have errors. The committee would like to apoligize for this - they could have been made by our typists or by the publishers. If the error would drastically effect the outcome of the recipe, please call Sharon (258-0845) Also, several recipes were turned in without names. These errors can be corrected on the next order (if we sell out of the first 500 copies) Thanks for your cooperation on this project!

FROM OUR CHURCH VISITOR, CHRISTINE COOK - If you know someone whose name should be on our shut-in list to be visited please call the church office.

MEMORIALS

PARLOR FUND - In loving memory of the following persons: *Iris Smith, Ruble Brank, Nita Smith* by Docia Hoyle; *Ruble Brank* by Danner Crispell, Audrey Helms, Lois and Pete Frady, Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Carter, Lucille Hamilton, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Cook, Helen and George Simpson; *Ruble Brank & Bessie Compton* by Lenore Roberts; B. K. Meadows (brother of Mrs. W. R. Bennett) by Mrs. G. M. Krichbaum and Jennie Lynn.

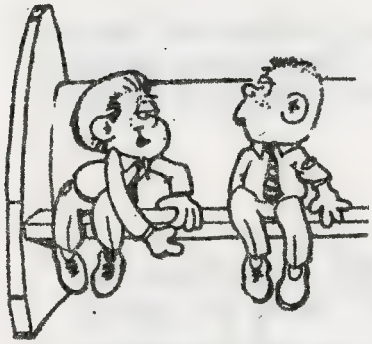
We extend love and sympathy to Nella Litteral in the death of her sister, Bessie Compton and to Mrs. W. R. Bennett in the death of her brother, B. K. Meadows.

Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of Trinity for their prayers, letters, and cards during mother's illness, also for love and sympathy shown us when we returned home. We will always hold Trinity dear to our hearts. Love,
Helen R. Johnston
Walter Brank

YOUTH PAINTING PARTY- This Sat. Oct. 22 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The youth will be painting their classroom on the 3rd floor. At 6:30 they will go out for pizza at Godfather's. Come join the painting.

...Ernie



I SIT HERE EVERY WEEK 'CAUSE THIS IS WHERE I KEEP MY BUBBLE GUM.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Singing along with Ernie on the 16th were Matthew Brookshire, Timothy Brookshire, William Clark, Ashley Conners, John Suttles, Kristy Suttles, Wendy Suttles, Adam Wharton and Becca Wharton. Also at Sunday School were Bobby Bell, Paige Black, Brad Cantey, Tyler Crawford, Elizabeth Harris, Robbie Player, Amy Wilson, and Willie Wilson.

WELCOME to Tyler, nephew of Linda Hemstreet. You sure are a "cutie pie" and we hope you come back to see us very soon!

DON'T FORGET! OUR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th. BE SURE AND CHECK THE CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE CORRECT TIME.

The young mother looked up from her work to see her little son romping on the lawn with a small brown puppy. In exasperation, she called out to him: "You take that puppy right back to its owner, and bring home your baby sister!"

...Jennie Lynn Krichbaum

WE'RE PRAYING AND PREPARING
(BECAUSE) IT'S COMING IN NOVEMBER
PREACHING MISSION - NOV. 6 - 9

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
9:30 a.m. "Sing Along with June and Ernie"
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Evangelism Visitation
5:30 p.m. UMY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
12:00 p.m. Hiatt Class Meeting
7:00 p.m. Preaching Mission Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
12:00 p.m. YAH Luncheon
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

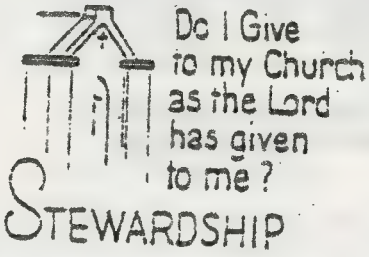
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27
7:30 p.m. BSA Troop 3

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
10:30 a.m. Brownie Scouts

VAN DRIVERS FOR OCT. 23 - John Miall, Jr. (298 3746) and Steve Self (255 8648).

VAN DRIVERS FOR OCT. 30 - Paul Mann and Malcolm Gamble

EVANGELISM VISITATION TEAM for Oct. 23 - Betty Lyda, Sandra Smith, Jim & Margaret Hutchison.



ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY - 176

BUDGET AMOUNT RECEIVED - $2,583.50

RECEIVED TO DATE - $120,149.92

NEED TO DATE - $128,789.22

DEFICIT - $8,639.30

We may experience joy and thanksgiving in prayer:

"always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer in joy."
Phil. 1:4

"Have no anxiety about anything, but by prayer and supplication, let your requests be known to God."
Phil. 4:6

Jesus' discourse in prayer -
Luke 11: 1-11

Christ's model for all time prayer -
Matt 6:5-11

Jesus teaches His disciples to pray. We are Jesus' disciples - He teaches us to pray.

PRAYER VIGIL
FOR THE
PREACHING MISSION

..."But we will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word"..... Acts 6:4

Let us consider these suggestions for an effective and meaningful prayer experience:

1. Right relationship of repentance and faith.
   II Chron. 7:14
   John 14: 13, 14

2. Sincere spiritual desire and inner motivation for greater spiritual energy.
   I Sam. 1:10
   Luke 11: 10

3. Belief and faith in God which enables us to ask in simple trust.
   James 4: 2
   Matt. 7: 7,8

4. A faith that God is both able and willing to answer us.
   I John 4
   Heb. 11: 1

5. Receptance of expected answer by faith, as we lay hold of that which we have not yet received.
   Mark 11: 24

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE PREACHING MISSION

"and whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith"
Matt. 21: 22

"therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it is yours"
Mark 11: 24

"Ask in faith, with no doubting"
James 1: 6

"pray constantly"
1 Thess. 5:17

"Finally, brethern, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph"
1 Thess 3:1

Please pray for:

The Mission

Dr. Walker, other preachers, participating churches, counselors

All who attend -
That all be aware of our Lord's loving Spirit with us;

that we will be renewed and enriched spiritually, that we will be aware what we might do to serve in ways that are pleasing;

that we are called to love each other as He has loved us;

that because of His great love for us we are enabled to experience and share the blessing of salvation and eternal life;

and that through His grace and power in our lives we accept with love and faith His call to feed His lambs.
John 21

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The PREACHING MISSION Is This Sunday-Wednesday, Nov. 6-9
with Dr. Alan Walker of Sydney Australia

We Call Your Attention To:

Prayer Vigil - Friday, Nov. 4, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at West Asheville Presbyterian Church.

Worship Service - Sunday, Nov. 6, 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Walker

Evening Services of PREACHING MISSION - Sunday, Nov. 6 - Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. - Dr. Walker

Evangelism Workshop - Monday, Nov. 7 - Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ministers and lay people - Dr. Walker

**Meeting for Women* - Tuesday, Nov. 8, 10:00 a.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church - Mrs. Win Walker

Please see enclosed bulletin insert for more information about Dr. and Mrs. Walker and other events of the Mission.

*This is an additional event especially for women!

Dr. and Mrs. Walker will be arriving in Asheville Saturday afternoon and will be here until Friday morning. We extend a cordial welcome to them to Western North Carolina, Asheville, and to Trinity Church!

Asheville
Citizen & Times
Religious News
2 Sat., Nov. 5, 1983

Annual Preaching Mission Begins Sunday In Asheville

The annual **Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission** for all denominations will be held Sunday through Wednesday at **Trinity United Methodist Church, 587 Haywood Road.**

Sir Alan Walker of Australia, an outspoken international evangelist and director of world evangelism for the World Methodist Council, will preach at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Walker also will conduct a Conference on Evangelism for ministers and lay people at 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at the church.

Also, the Episcopal Women of St. George's Episcopal Church, 1 School Road, West Asheville, will host an interdenominational conference for women at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. George's. The speaker is **Lady Winifred Walker**, a certified lay speaker of the Church of Australia.

Church Notes

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PREACHING MISSION

Interdenominational Services, Nov. 6-9, 1983

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

587 Haywood Rd., Asheville, N.C.

SIR ALAN WALKER

Sydney Australia, Mission Preacher
Director of World Evangelism, World Methodist Council

Sir Alan has answers to questions he feels many churches are neglecting. And his answers have changed the lives of millions. He is an outspoken and world renowned Methodist Minister, Author and T.V. Personality.

PREACHING SERVICES

Sunday, Nov. 6	*Tuesday, Nov. 8*
7:30 P.M.	*7:30 P.M.*
Monday, Nov. 7	*Wednesday, Nov. 9*
7:30 P.M.	*7:30 P.M.*

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You are cordially invited to dinner with Sir Alan Walker and Lady Win Walker on Saturday, Nov. 5, 6 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, as guests of the Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission.

Dr. Walker has especially asked to meet with you as co-workers in this evangelistic thrust so that everyone may "become acquainted, get a <u>feel</u> for the Mission... and join in prayer for the Mission."

This will be a time of warm fellowship and we hope to have you with us that evening.

Please phone in your reservations by Monday, Oct. 31.

Residence 258-8299 Church 253-5471

PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

1. Praise Him! Praise Him!
   Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
   Sing, O earth - His wonderful love proclaim!
   Hail Him! Hail Him!
   highest archangels in glory,
   Strength and honor give to His holy name!
   Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
   In His arms He carries them all day long.
   Praise Him! Praise Him!
   tell of His excellent greatness!
   Praise Him! Praise Him!
   ever in joyful song!

2. Praise Him! Praise Him!
   Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
   For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died;
   He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
   Hail Him! Hail Him!
   Jesus, the crucified.
   Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
   Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong.
   Praise Him! Praise Him!
   tell of His excellent greatness!
   Praise Him! Praise Him!
   ever in joyful song!

3. Praise Him! Praise Him!
   Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
   Heav'n-ly portals loud with hosannas ring!
   Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever,
   Crown Him! Crown Him!
   Prophet and Priest and King!
   Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,
   Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.
   Praise Him! Praise Him!
   tell of His excellent greatness!
   Praise Him! Praise Him!
   ever in joyful song!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus, the Son;
But purer and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our vict'ry when Jesus we see.

Chorus
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thru Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory,
great things He hath done.

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair
When the saved of earth shall gather
over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

2. On that bright and cloudless morning
when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share;
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home
beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

3. Let us labor for the Master from the dawn
till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over and our work
on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Chorus
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there

JESUS SAVES

1. We have heard the joyful sound:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Spread the tidings all around;
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Bear the news to ev'ry land,
   Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
   Onward! 'tis our Lord's command;
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

2. Waft it on the rolling tide,
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Tell to sinners far and wide:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Sing, ye islands of the sea;
   Echo back, ye ocean caves;
   Earth shall keep her jubilee:
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

3. Sing above the battle strife,
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   By His death and endless life,
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Sing it softly thru the gloom,
   When the heart for mercy craves;
   Sing in triumph o'er the tomb,
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

4. Give the winds a mighty voice,
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Let the nations now rejoice,
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
   Shout salvation full and free;
   Highest hills and deepest caves;
   This our song of victory,
   Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
   I have decided to follow Jesus,
   I have decided to follow Jesus,
   No turning back, no turning back.

2. Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
   Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
   Tho' none go with me, still I will follow,
   No turning back, no turning back.

3. The world behind me, the cross before me,
   The world behind me, the cross before me,
   The world behind me, the cross before me,
   No turning back, no turning back.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

1. All over the world the spirit is moving.
   All over the world as the prophets
   said it would be.
   All over the world there's a mighty
   revelation of the glory of the Lord
   As the waters cover the sea.

   Deep down in my heart the spirit is moving,
   Deep down in my heart as the prophets
   said it would be.
   Deep down in my heart there's a mighty
   revelation of the glory of the Lord
   As the waters cover the sea.

2. All through the Church the spirit is moving
   All through the Church as the prophets
   said it would be.
   All through the Church there's a mighty
   revelation of the glory of the Lord
   As the waters cover the sea.

   Deep down in my heart the spirit is moving,
   Deep down in my heart as the prophets
   said it would be.
   Deep down in my heart there's a mighty
   revelation of the glory of the Lord
   As the waters cover the sea.

Rev. ALAN WALKER

Sidney, Australia, Mission Preacher

Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission

November 6-10, 1983

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Dear Friend and Fellow Worker,

The second Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission will [illegible] Church Sunday, Nov. 6, through Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Rev. Alan Walker, Director of World Evangelism, [illegible] Australia, will be the preacher this year. We feel fo[illegible] renowned preacher who works across denominational lin[illegible] introduce him to you and also give information pertaining to the schedule and the purpose of the Preaching Mission.

Please note that he will be conducting a "Conference on Evangelism" workshop* Monday through Wednesday mornings for ministers of all denominations and interested lay persons. As Dr. Walker says;

> "The first need of the church all over the world is to have a larger number of ministers and lay people who feel competent and confident to do evangelism. So many theological colleges turn out maintenance ministers. So many congregations are maintenance congregations."
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> and
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> "The local congregation is meant to be the radiating center for the Christian faith .... and we ought to say; Is there anything .... that might increase our effectiveness?"

Dr. Walker has some answers that he has put to use in his ministries that have changed the lives of thousands. We cordially invite you and your members to attend as many of the Mission activities and services as your schedules will allow.

We would also appreciate announcements of the Mission in your Sunday School Classes, other worship services, and through your publications.

Sincerely,
Members of the Mission Committee
and Robert L. Moore
Robert L. Moore, Minister

* United Methodist ministers may receive one Continuing Education Unit for participating in the "Conference on Evangelism" workshop.

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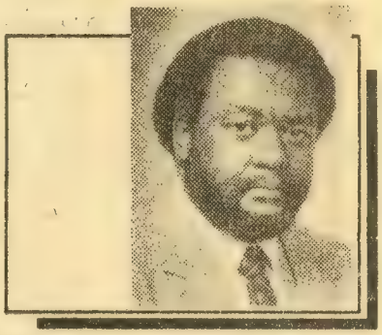
2 Sat., Oct. 29, 1983

Faith, Conscience, Action Necessary, Evangelist Says

"A born-again Christian without a social conscience is a menace, and so is a social actionist who has lost touch with the need for worship and the sacraments and changed lives," says the director of world evangelism for the World Methodist Council, who will conduct a preaching mission next month in Asheville.

"The effective church is not prepared only to sing hymns and to preach," said Sir Alan Walker of Australia. "The effective church is bent on finding ways of meeting the basic need of people, be it loneliness, poverty or hunger.

"Only in Australia, England or in Scandinavia and New Zealand would one make the statement that the church is dying," Walker said. "If you



Henry Robinson

are maintenance congregations."

Walker, who has conducted preaching missions in South Africa, said apartheid is an absolute denial

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

Mt. Walton
Head Jan Youth

Preaching Mission

ASHEVILLE — Pictured is a part of one of the large congregations who came to hear Dr. Alan Walker of Sydney, Australia, preacher for the Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission, Nov. 6-9, at Trinity Church. Walker, pictured to left, director of World Evangelism for the World Methodist Council, also led a conference on evangelism in the morning, and spoke at a Citizens' Luncheon Nov. 8. The Mission, which is interdenominational, was established in memory of W.S. Harrison, Sr., of Asheville and in honor of J. Paul Shaw of Fairmont Church, Raleigh.

N.C. Christian Advocate, December 27, 1983

my commitment

I COMMIT MYSELF TO JESUS CHRIST
IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS CHURCH.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

My church or denominational preference will be: _____

Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission
(For all denominations)

Details to be completed and retained by the counselor.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

My church or denominational preference will be: _____

THE ALAN WALKER STORY

Rec. 6-9-1983
PREACHING MISSION
Trinity United Methodist Church
Haywood Road at Balm Grove Ave
Asheville, N.C. 28806

Dr. Alan Walker is probably Australia's best known churchman. His family's story begins with an unmarried convict couple, ejected from English society and cast upon the shores of Australia in the eighteen hundreds, later having three illegimate children. Through the conversion of one of the sons of that convict couple, John Walker, the family began its Christian history. There have been 15 Methodist Ministers coming from that early conversion of which Alan Walker is one. He now holds the position of Director of World Evangelism for the World Methodist Council.

Dr. Alan Walker was knighted recently by Queen Elizabeth II on the recommendation of the Australian Government. After some hesitation he accepted the knighthood "as a tribute to the countless people who have supported the causes I have espoused and the work I have tried to do." And then, characteristically, Sir Alan added: "I prefer still to be known by the sufficient title of Reverend Alan Walker. For a Christian there can be no greater title than that of a minister."

Dr. Walker's appointment as Director of the World Evangelism programme of The World Methodist Council, an organization of churches throughout the world with ties to the tradition of John Wesley, has lead him to preaching and witness missions throughout the world. He was the first foreign visitor to conduct evangelistic meetings in the USSR. South Africa and Belfast, Northern Ireland, were two of the more "interesting" areas. Dr. Walker's statement that "Apartheid is an absolute denial of God's will and the world cannot rest until it is swept away. The Christian Faith declares all people are created equal in God's sight...." at the opening rally at Cape Town led to the Minister of Police suggesting that "Dr. Walker should start packing his bags and go home." He kept to his schedule.

Alan Walker was born in Sydney, Australia. He gave recently a thumb-nail sketch of his life. "I was a failure at school. However I later became the youngest candidate in Methodist history for ordination. I had earlier left school aged 15, and gone to work in David Jones' department store for two-and-a-half years, heard the call to ministry, and entered college at 18. I went to Sydney University later. So I picked up in a delayed way, on the consequences of my laziness when I was younger. After ordination, I was associate director of the church youth department for three years, and then two lay people offered to pay my way to spend a year in England, not as a student, but seeing the way the church operated there. That was a tremendous experience."

"Then I came back and was sent for five years to Cessnock, a coal mining town. It gave me the opportunity to encounter the coal miner, at that time being exploited by the coal barons. I came up against the heart of the communist movement in Australia. I had to think my way through the whole issue of capitalism, socialism and communism. I had to face the issues: Cessnock was too vital a place to avoid confronting them. I had grown up in a very pietistic home, a very wonderful and Godly and free home, but there was little concern about society. I had a typically narrow Christian faith but Cessnock just put an end to that kind of faith. I was forced to see that religion must say something to society."

From Cessnock Dr. Walker was appointed to Waverlay, an inner-city suburb, for ten years and then was asked to lead "The Mission to the Nation" from 1953 to 1956. He then led the "Mission to America" and "Mission to Canada" and was Visiting Professor of Evangelism at the Boston School of Theology. Returning to Australia in 1958 he was appointed to Australia's oldest and largest church, the Central Methodis

During his 20 years of leadership the Mission's staff increased to over 500 persons. He originated the round-the-clock telephone ministry "Life Line", known in the U.S. as "Contact", now in over 200 centres around the world. Dr. Walker, as Founder, received the Institute de la Vie award of the French Academy of Science in 1978, only the second Australian to do so. The Life Line experience led directly to the creation of groups such as Gamblers Liberty Group and the Church of the Homeless Men, and programmes such as a home for single mothers, a night refuge for children, and a rehabilitation centre for persons with handicapping conditions.

The Mission's headquarters in Sydney houses the Lyceum Theatre which shows first run movies during the week, but on Sunday night became Dr. Walker's preaching centre. The $A2,000,000 building is an expression of his conviction that the modern downtown church must meet the problems of modern mass society: lonliness and leisure-time needs. The two largest group activities initiated by Dr. Walker are the School of Seniors and The Singles Society, each with over 1,000 members. A 73-acre Christian Country Centre was opened in 1972 for the use of city dwellers.

Dr. Walker was a Delegate to the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Amsterdam, Adviser to the Third and Fourth Assemblies and attended the Fifth Assembly. In 1949 he was appointed Adviser to the [illegible] the Australian Delegation at the United Nations by the Australian Government. In 1973 he was the Visiting Professor of Evangelism and [illegible]ching at the Claremont School of Evangelism, Claremont, California, [illegible] the following year delivered the E. Stanley Jones Lecture at the [illegible] School of Theology. He has conducted Missions to Fiji, South [illegible]rica, South America and Singapore and Malaysia, and Sri Lanka.

Mrs. Winifred Walker is an accredited Lay Preacher of the Uniting Church in Australia and is in heavy demand for preaching and speaking engagements. She has written two devotional books : "Christian Climbers" and "Valley of Vision". They have a family of four, Lynette, Bruce, David and Christopher, two being ordained ministers of the Christian church.

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GENERAL

The years of Rev. Alan Walker's leadership of the Central Methodist Mission, Sydney, have been years of almost unbelievable expansion.

In his 20 years of leadership:

- Mission's staff has increased to over 500 persons.
- Ten new homes have been added to the Mission's social care programme such as three additional children's homes, a youth hostel, three additional aged persons homes, two hospitals and a home for the handicapped and a large Sheltered Workshop.
- Among the most creative of all Alan Walker's achievements is the Life Line round-the-clock telephone service opened in 1963 with the slogan "Help is as close as the telephone". Spreading to other countries there are now 154 Life Line centres round the world. In 1966 Life Line International was formed with Alan Walker as President, a position he still holds.
- In June 1972 Vision Valley was opened near Sydney. It is a 73 acre Christian Country Centre designed to meet the needs of people living in a mass urban society.
- The Mission's headquarters in Sydney has been replaced at a cost of $A2,000,000 following a fire which destroyed the Lyceum Theatre in February, 1964. The new Wesley Centre is an expression of Alan Walker's conviction that the modern down-town church must meet the problems of modern mass society – loneliness and leisure-time needs. The two largest group activities initiated by Mr. Walker are School for Seniors, and The Singles Society, each with over 1,000 members.
- The building includes the Lyceum Theatre, which is the Mission's preaching centre. Sunday night, Alan Walker preaches to Australia's largest Sunday evening congregation in Sydney's unique Church-in-a-Theatre. He regards this as the central activity in his week, his greatest passion being the evangelical preaching of the Gospel.
- Alan Walker is probably Australia's best known churchman. His views on a wide range of subjects are frequently sought and quoted in the press, radio and on television.
- Alan Walker represents a larger all-inclusive evangelism. He says "The Evangelical Age has dawned. Liberalism is in eclipse, but its gains such as an acute social conscience, must not be lost. A larger evangelism will accept Biblical scholarship and recognise that personal and social witness belong to the core of the Gospel. With 2700 million people still to hear the Christian Gospel the whole church is commanded to the task of world evangelism".
- In January 1978 Alan Walker assumed the position of Director of World Evangelism for the World Methodist Council. He is now engaged in directing the World Evangelism program of the Council and is constantly visiting various countries conducting evangelical missions and conferences on Evangelism

ADDRESS

Dr. Alan Walker,
14 Owen Stanley Avenue,
Beacon Hill, 2100. N.S.W. Australia.
Phone: 491 3923.

OTHER BOOKS WRITTEN:

Life Begins At Christ – 1981
Life Grows with Christ – 1982
Life Ends in Christ – 1983
MAKING Disciples –
(all through Discipleship Resources)

Rev. Alan Walker

RAYMOND S. TALTON
2218 WHITMAN ROAD
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27607

October 25, 1983

Dear Mary Jo,

It was good to hear from you back in September and it was especially pleasing to note the honor being paid your father — my dear friend J Paul Shaw.

An announcement about the Harrison–Shaw Preaching Mission was carried on the front page of the Fairmont United Methodist Church bulletin last Sunday, a copy of which is enclosed. Also it was announced by our minister from the pulpit at which time recognition was given to the many years of devoted service your father has given to Fairmont. The members of the Wesley Bible Class, the Sunday school class to which your father belongs, discussed the Mission and expressed the loss they feel now that your father can no longer attend the class activities. Some members of the class still visit him and we get a report on his progress about every Sunday.

I have talked with Paul and Mary on the phone since the Fairmont bulletin was sent out.

RAYMOND S. TALTON
2218 WHITMAN ROAD
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27607

They are thrilled with the Mission and the recognition it gives Paul. Needless to say they are especially proud of you — as well they should be. Bessie and I hope to get by to pay them a visit soon. They are such dear people to us.

It is a noble thing that you and your husband are doing in memory and honor of your father. Not only are you honoring them but you are helping others and praising God. What a splendid way to express your love.

We hope and pray that the Harrison–Shaw Preaching Mission is successful beyond your fondest hope. May God bountifully bless your efforts.

Sincerely,

Raymond Talton

Givens Estates
UNITED METHODIST
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Mrs. Ralph L. Reed
1653 Buckingham Avenue
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

Monday Morning

Dear Mary Jo,

I know you don't have time to read a long letter — so, this will be short. I just want you to know that I am thinking about you and I am sure you prepare for the mission these last few days. You have done everything so well, but always a few last things to be done. I wish there were something I could do to help. I'm on the receiving end and I'm grateful for that two —

Love,
Burke

Let me join with Bessie in saying that I am thinking of you in a special way these days. I think it is a providential thing that Dr. Walker is coming to Asheville. I have the assurance that all is going to blessed.

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying the Mission with you.

Prayerfully and hopefully — and gratefully yours. Ralph

79 Arthur Rd
Asheville, N.C. 28806

November 14, 1983

Dear Mary Jo & Tom,

We just wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed the delicious dinner at Trinity church, Saturday November 6th, and to thank you for inviting us.

Paul & I were able to attend each night of the Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission. Also, I heard Mrs. Walker speak on Tuesday morning. Such a nice way to honor your fathers.

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Everything appeared to be so well coordinated and I know a lot of planning and work went into this undertaking. Both Dr. Walker, and Stephen Brown last year, had outstanding messages. I am glad we could be a part of your fellowship for both.

May God bless you in His work.

Sincerely
Paul & Ruth Ford
(by Ruth)

11-5-83

Hi "Pal"!

Well, M.J., the event we have all been "praying and preparing" for is about to begin.

Just wanted to tell you how proud I am of you for the wonderful way you have organized this Preaching Mission.

(Try to sit back and enjoy it!)

I love you, Jennie Lynn

Mr & Mrs Thomas C. Harrison,
36 Clarendon Road,
Asheville,
N.C. 28806

"For God so loved the ... gave his only begotten Son, ... whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

To Mary Jo and Tom and all the Family

Wishing you the Joys and Blessings of the Christmas Season

with fond remembrances and gratitude
From Wim and Alan Walker

14 Owen Stanley Ave.,
Beacon Hill 2100,
N.S.W.,
Australia

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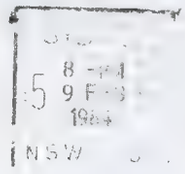

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Harrison,
Trinity United Methodist Church
587 Haywood Road
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U.S.A.

WORLD EVANGELISM CENTRE
WINGELLO HOUSE
1 ANGEL PLACE,
SYDNEY. N.S.W. 2000

11-13-83

Dear Mr & Mrs Harrison

We want to thank you for the lovely dinner on Sat. Nov. 5 at your church.

We enjoyed the fellowship and hearing Dr and Mrs Walker very much.

It was a great inspirational week for us all.

Wishing for you the best,

Thanks again

Sincerely

Helen & Roy Whitmire

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord

Luke 2.11

To Mary Jo and Tom

With best wishes
for a Happy Christmas
and a prosperous New Year

From Winifred + Alan Walker
Australia

Biographical Sheet

REV. ALAN WALKER, O.B.E., M.A., D.D.
Director of World Evangelism for the World Methodist Council.
Born in Sydney, Aust. Son of the late Rev. A.E.Walker, former President of N.S.W. Methodist Conference.

EDUCATION

Fort Street Boys' High School, Sydney.
Leigh Theological College, Enfield, Sydney. 1929-32
Graduated B.A. Degree, Sydney University. 1936
Graduated M.A. Degree, Sydney University. 1943
Awarded Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree, Bethany Biblical Seminary, Chicago, U.S.A. 1956

ORDAINED

A minister of the Methodist Church of Aust'asia. 1934.

MRS. WINIFRED WALKER

Mrs. Winifred Walker graduated as a Physiotherapist at the University of Sydney. She is an accredited Lay Preacher of the Methodist Church, now of the Uniting Church in Australia. She is in heavy demand for preaching and speaking engagements. She is the Author of the devotional book "Christian Climbers".
Rev. & Mrs. Alan Walker have a family of four: Lynette, Bruce, David and Christopher. All are engaged full-time in the Ministry of the Church, two being ordained ministers.

APPOINTMENTS

1936-38	Associate Director, Methodist Young People's Department, New South Wales Conference.
1939-44	Minister, Cessnock, New South Wales.
1944-54	Superintendent Waverley Methodist Mission, Sydney.
1953-56	Director, Mission to the Nation to the Methodist Church of Australasia.
1956-57	Mission to America, Mission to Canada.
1957-58	Visiting Professor of Evangelism, Boston School of Theology, U.S.A.
1958-78	Superintendent Central Methodist Mission, Sydney.
1979-	Director of World Evangelism for the World Methodist Council.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1948	Delegate to First Assembly of World Council of Churches, Amsterdam.
1949	Appointed Adviser to Aust. Delegation at United Nations by the Aust. Government.
1954	Attended Convocation of Muslim and Christian leaders in Bhamdoon, Lebanon.
1955	Awarded the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) for leadership of the Mission to the Nation.
1962	Adviser to Third Assembly of World Council of Churches, New Delhi.
1962	Mission to Fiji.
1963	Mission to South Africa.
1963	Founded Sydney Life Line Telephone Counselling Centre.
1966	Lecture and preaching engagements in U.S.A.
1966	Appointed President of Life Line International.
1967	Missions in South America.

1968	Adviser to Fourth Assembly, World Council of Churches, Uppsala.
1970	Secretary, N.S.W. Methodist Conference.
1971	President, N.S.W. Methodist Conference.
1971	Upper Room Citation.
1972	Missions to Singapore and Malaysia.
1973	Visiting Professor of Evangelism and Preaching, Claremont School of Theology, U.S.A.
1974	Delivered E. Stanley Jones Lecture, Boston, USA.
1975	Mission to Sri Lanka.
1975	Attended Fifth Assembly World Council of Churches, Nairobi.
1976	Addressed 13th World Methodist Conference, Dublin, Ireland.
1978	Received Institute de la Vie Award, Paris as Founder of Life Line.
1981	Received a Knighthood in the Queens New Year Honours list.

BOOKS WRITTEN

Author of over 20 books including the following:—

"There is Always God"	1938 Epworth Press, London
"Everybody's Calvary"	1943 Epworth Press, London
"Coal Town"	1944 Oxford Uni. Press, Oxford
"Heritage Without End"	1953 Methodist Publ. House
"The Whole Gospel for the Whole World"	1957 Abingdon & Epworth Press
"The Many Sided Cross of Jesus"	1962 Abingdon & Epworth Press
"How Jesus Helped People"	1964 Abingdon & EpworthPress
"A Ringing Call to Mission"	1966 Abingdon & William Collins, London
"The Life Line Story"	1967 William Collins, London and Abingdon. (USA title "As Close as the Telephone")
"Breakthrough"	1969 Abingdon & William Collins Ltd. London (Fontana paperback)
"God, the Disturber"	1973 Word Books, Waco, Texas
"Jesus, the Liberator"	1973 Abingdon Press, Nashville
"The New Evangelism"	1974 Abingdon Press, Nashville
"Love in Action"	1977 William Collins, London

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A MINISTRY SINCE 1847

September 8, 1982

Dr. Alan Walker
Evangelism Centre
1 Angel Place
Sydney, N.S.W. 2000
Australia

Dear Dr. Walker:

We are writing to you to inquire as to the possibility of your being the speaker,in the future, for the Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission which we are now establishing at Trinity United Methodist Church. Our long range goal is to hold a yearly Mission funded by a trust, which would allow us to bring the ministry of outstanding Christian leaders of various denominations to the people of Asheville and Western North Carolina. The over all purpose and the general structure is explained more fully in the enclosed bulletin insert for this year. You can see that several denominations and various choirs are participating and that the ministry will involve all age levels.

We understand that you do try to spread your engagements around throughout the whole world and usually plan your schedule at one period during the year. We certainly respect your need to make plans a long time in advance. Can you advise us as to when you will be in North America again and if it might be possible for you to be with us sometime in the future? The Mission will be held each Fall - but we are not limited to a specific date - we do not, as yet, have the speaker for 1983; and, also we would like to discuss future dates as we are planning several years hence.

The Committee has received several requests to write to you. Mrs. Harrison also tells us how much she appreciated hearing you at an International Prayer Fellowship meeting at Lake Junaluska, N. C. a few years ago.

For your information - we are a membership of around 800 and Trinity is the second largest Methodist Church in the city of Asheville, located here in the heart of the Conference Center of Western North Carolina.

We do feel that a preacher of your reputation and dimension would undoubtably be well received and would mean a great deal in the promotion of this ministry in the first few years.

We would appreciate hearing from you so very much.

Sincerely yours,

RLM/rg
Enc.

Robert L. Moore
Minister
and

Members of the Preaching
Mission Committee

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A MINISTRY SINCE 1847

December 23, 1982

Dr. Eddie Fox
Post Office Box 841
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Dear Mr. Fox,

In response to your phone call and your request for more information about the Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission, I am sending you: a copy of our original letter to Dr. Walker, a bulletin insert which explains the purpose of the mission and the schedule (three activities which apply to the host church are shown on No. 35 of the "Trinity Times.") a copy of the prayer commitment sheet used throughout the community, a copy of our letter to ministers of all denominations (the luncheon was attended by approximately 100), and a picture published in the N. C. Christian Advocate. Also enclosed are several statements from other ministers who presided or whose choirs helped with the music. Not only was the Mission promoted and supported very willingly and enthusiastically by these other churches, but we had a very large and hard working committee (see No. 34 of the "Trinity Times) covering all aspects several months ahead of time. It was well thought out and efficiently organized.

We are thankful to God for the exciting and widespread response to this first Mission, and we would consider it a great priviledge to have Dr. Walker as our second Mission Preacher. We shall look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Moore

Robert L. Moore
Minister

WORLD EVANGELISM

"MISSION TO THE EIGHTIES"

NORTH CAROLINA
Christian Advocate
Since 1855, Greensboro, N.C., March 18, 1986 No. 10

Walkers chosen for Peace Award

LAKE JUNALUSKA (UMNS) — The Rev. Alan Walker and his wife Winifred, whose shared ministry of reconciliation spans 45 years, will become the first married couple to receive the World Methodist Peace Award. The 1986 award will be presented to the Walkers before an audience of 3,000 persons during the 15th World Methodist Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, in July. The World Methodist Council, which confers the award, is composed of 64 member churches located in 90 countries, with a total constituency of 52 million persons.

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'HE'S BETTER THAN YOU SAID HE WAS'

by
CHARLES D. WHITTLE

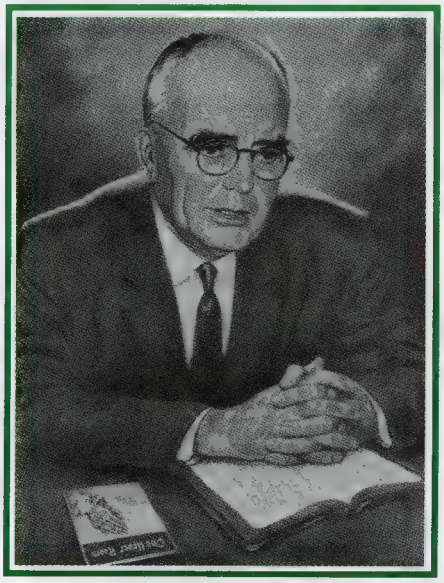
(Dr. Charles D. Whittle, now Superintendent of the Big Spring District of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, and regional director of The Foundation for Evangelism, worked with Dr. Harry Denman in the field of evangelism in Nashville. He wrote this article on the occasion of Harry Denman's eightieth birthday, September 26, 1973. Now, 20 years later, he has given us permission to use it for the 100th anniversary of that birth. It was first printed in ***Street and Steeple,*** *and later in* **CHALLENGE**.*)*

"No one could be that good," my wife remarked. I had been telling her that Harry Denman was the greatest preacher of this century, that he could preach over an hour and you wish he would continue. I took her to Arkansas to hear him preach. Sure enough, he preached one hour and twenty minutes. When he finished, she said, "He's better than you said!"

What about this layman whom Billy Graham says is "the greatest practitioner of personal evangelism in America?", who has no living relative, no extra clothing, no watch, no possessions?

I first met Harry Denman in 1948 when he came to Weatherford, Texas for two days of meetings with pastors and laymen. The superintendent went to meet him at the train. Harry got off the wrong side. That night, as the superintendent explained to a packed audience that Harry, as he is called, did not show up, Harry stood and said, "Here I am." "Where have you been?" he was asked. "Well, I just walked to the church and visited in homes along the way asking people to pray for me. How many are here tonight that I visited this afternoon?" More than three dozen persons held up their hands. On the closing night while people were praying, Harry slipped out quietly and took a train to Little Rock.

Harry Denman was for 27 years the General Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism for The Methodist Church. He was born 80 years ago this September 26 in Birmingham, Alabama. His mother was left alone to raise Harry when he was a small boy. Harry had to quit school at age ten to work for the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. At age 22 he returned to school and graduated from college at age 28. During his school years he supported his mother by working part time for the Birmingham Sunday School Association. For 19 years he was Business Administrator for the First Methodist Church in that city. In that capacity he directed the activities of the Church. Often he would work late at night visiting persons with spiritual and material needs. His mother worried. He would say, "Mama, don't worry about me. If I am in jail the police will call you. If I am in the hospital the doctor will call you. If I am dead the mortician will call you." Later he remarked, "That was some comfort, wasn't it!"



DR. HARRY DENMAN

In 1939 he was asked to serve as General Secretary for the Commission on Evangelism of the M.E. Church, South. He had no staff and one secretary. When he retired he had 53 staff members and 200 employees. He had accepted responsibility for publishing ***The Upper Room*** and assisted in making it the most widely-read devotional literature in the world. Former ***Tidings*** Editor George H. Jones once told me, "Harry was loaded with ideas. I received 27 memos of suggestions from him in one day!"

I never knew Harry to take a vacation or even a day off. "Work won't kill you," he would say, "worry will, but work won't." He lives, breathes, loves, prays evangelism. When he was General Secretary he rose at 12:30 a.m. each morning. He would copy the scriptures, pray, study and work for six hours. Of course he went to bed at 6 p.m. when he was not speaking. When he went to bed later, he slept late — until 4 a.m.

"You don't do the work of Evangelism behind a desk in a swivel chair," he used to say. "You go to people, you love people and you tell them about God." In one year Harry made 407 addresses in 19 countries. One of his staffers said, "Harry works 26 hours a day, eight days a week."

Harry loves people. He is at ease with the poor. A bachelor, he tells women (and men), "I love you. Pray for me." He loves individuals. He writes letters and sends books to nearly everyone he meets. In a low-key but persistent manner, he inquires about a person's faith and points the way to Christ.

Once, in Arlington, Texas, he had an afternoon without any engagements. He asked, "Who would Jesus go see this afternoon?" He went to see a man who ran the local pool hall. The man was a member at First Church but did not attend. That night, dining in the home of an executive, he said, "I went to see a member of your Church today. He runs the pool hall. I saw a sign there that read, 'No drinking, no gambling, no cussing'." He continued, "That's better than you find in the Country Club!" Harry suggests that we want the Country Club sinners but do not want the pool hall sinners, but that Christ died for all men.

Harry has no possessions, no living relatives, not even an extra suit. He gives everything away — especially his faith. He travels with two little airline bags, one for his toilet articles, and an extra shirt and a change of socks and underwear, and the other for his correspondence. On his overseas travels, he is often under suspicion because he has no luggage and sometimes hotels suggest that he pay in advance! "Why should I have two coats," he says, "when some men have none?" On one occasion he invited a man to church. The man said, "I'm not dressed good enough to go to church." "You're dressed as nice as I am," Harry replied, and he was.

Harry believes in prayer. He prays for every Bishop by name every day. He prays for people wherever they are — in bars, homes, taxis, on the streets. He asks people to pray for him. Once, when he asked a barmaid to pray for him, she replied, "What's the matter, old boy, are you in some kind of trouble?"

Harry was a spokesman for social justice before it became popular. Once, speaking in Alabama, he said "Martin Luther King is a smarter man than I am. He has a Ph.D. from Boston. Martin Luther King is a better preacher than I am. But Martin Luther King cannot preach here and I can. Why? His skin is dark. Why, Jesus couldn't preach here. He had dark skin. He had no bank account, no university degree, he was a transient." This cost him the support of those who had been voting him as a delegate to General Conference, but he helped open Alabama and the South to the fact that God is no respecter of persons.

When Castro overthrew Batista in Cuba, Harry used to say, "Why weren't we concerned about the poor Cuban people under the dictatorship of Batista? Because he let us run our sugar plantations! Now that Castro has confiscated our gold,

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LETTERS . . .

I have just finished reading Volume 15 (the Summer edition, 1993) of your journal "Forward." I have read with much enthusiasm the evangelistic views of your distinguished contributors, Bishop Joe A. Wilson, Dr. Roger K. Swanson and Dan H. Sullivan, along with other articles.

Permit me to explain to you why I was so thrilled to find this enlightening piece of material in my mailbox.

I am the new preacher at the Beech Bluff Parish. After 13 years of being out of the pastoral ministry, it was extremely encouraging to read this journal. My wife, Margaret, and I were appointed to this parish, effective June 20, 1993. I would like to share my story with you and how we came to be at this particular juncture of our lives.

First, in 1971, under the leadership and Christian guidance of Dr. Walter Towner, I graduated with an M.A. degree in evangelism from Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. The very basis for that degree program was Foundations for Evangelism. I must tell you I was excited and enthusiastic about what I had learned. But not for long.

I was ready to fulfill my calling to do the work of an evangelist, to "preach the word, to be instant in season and out of season, convince, rebuke and exhort, be unfailing in patience and teaching and to do the work of an evangelist to fulfill my ministry." (Reference II Timothy 4:1-5).

I was one of only two ministers in the Tennessee Conference to be certified and consecrated as a Minister of Evangelism by Bishop H. Ellis Finger.

I was appointed that same year as Minister of Education and Youth at McKendree United Methodist Church in downtown Nashville. I felt that the Conference would really need and use a person with my experience and my education. Again, I was wrong.

Evangelism was not new to me since I had been a boy preacher at the age of five in rural Kentucky. To this day, I have remained faithful, committed and dedicated to the United Methodist Church and its evangelistic outreach.

During my two years at McKendree, I went to the Conference Chairperson and the Board of Evangelism and talked to them about using me and my experience in some evangelistic endeavor on a Conference level. Nothing happened.

In 1973, I went to Rosebank United Methodist Church as pastor and to what was then called a Cooperative Ministry. I spent eight years there. We grew from nine United Methodist Churches to 21 interdenominational churches. We became the East Nashville Cooperative Ministry, of which I was the Executive Director, with an outreach to thousands of people, people in need. We presented Christ to them whenever possible. Our main thrust, however, was food, clothing, eye care, legal services and primary health care needs. We were presenting a need that was fulfilling, but again, we never seemed to create the fire of evangelism that was needed to win the hearts to Jesus of the thousands with whom we worked annually.

Many times during these days of ministry, I was told by my colleagues I was overly enthusiastic about presenting the message of Christ and that salvation was offensive to some. I was told if I wanted to go places in the United Methodist Church, I needed to be less enthusiastic about evangelization.

After eight years, I left the pastoral ministry and took a government job. But I never stopped being evangelistic with the people with whom I came in contact daily in the execution of my job in the streets and communities of Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee.

In 1981, when I left the East Nashville Cooperative Ministry, Bishop Earl Hunt was coming on as the new bishop and Dr. Robert H. Spain was my new superintendent. One of the reasons I regretted leaving at that time was my confidence and love for Dr. Spain, who went on to be the bishop of my home state, Kentucky.

Now, you can see why I am enthusiastic about your journal. If we are to have renewal of the church it must be through renewal of the heart.

Why am I at Beech Bluff Parish now? One reason is the prayers and lasting friendship of people like Bishop Spain, Walter Towner, Bishop Finger and others. But even more is because of the evangelistic fervor of our very own Bishop Kenneth Carder, my superintendent, Dr. Cecil Kirk, and my and my wife's enthusiasm to again see the multitudes of unsaved persons' hearts "strangely warmed."

God bless and thank you!
D. Wayne Davis
Beech Bluff, Tennessee

P.S. Could the print in your journal be larger? This is a small thing to ask in a big way.

Upon reading the Summer 1993 issue of "Forward," I was very interested in the article by Gus Gustafson about the program entitled "Discover God's Call," a ministry of The Foundation for Evangelism.

Our Evangelism Committee is looking for a program like this to implement in our church. Could you please send me information on whom to contact for these materials?

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Blessings!
Sally Ehrlick
Evangelism Ministries
Billings, Montana

(Editor's note: Materials were sent to her.)

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Harvest!

Recently I came across a copy of your magazine, "Forward," published by The Foundation for Evangelism and I was greatly blessed and inspired by the articles contained therein. I was really glad and encouraged to see that God has His remnant within United Methodism in the USA, who still have the spirit of John Wesley and are committed to evangelism.

Since I am very much involved and interested in evangelizing the Indians in Singapore I shall be glad to receive fresh ideas and patterns for evangelism through the articles in FORWARD. Therefore, may I request you to kindly include my name in your mailing list?

With Christian love and regards.
Yours sincerely in the cause of evangelism.
Rev. R. Prabhu Das Roberts
President, Emmanuel Tamil Annual Conference, The Methodist Church in Singapore

I just wanted to write you a note to let you know how much I always appreciate the thoughtful and inspirational articles in "Forward." I have just finished reading (for at least the third time) "Do The Work of an Evangelist" by Roger K. Swanson (Volume 15, Summer 1993). Swanson's perspective on the roles of clergy and laity in the ministry of the Church is too insightful to keep to myself. I have already, therefore, received permission to include excerpts from it in our congregation's next newsletter (just in time for our fall evaluation and planning process).

Keep it coming.

In Christ's Service,
Bruce F. Haskins
Washington, D.C.

I empathize with August F. Reussow. While I cannot comment on "Convictions About Membership Losses" article, I know his frustration concerning those who no longer attend church. I have been in church leadership for over 30 years and have reached the conclusion that for some persons we can only show our love for them when an opportunity occurs, pray for them and leave them to God. These are not the "lost sheep." If they were they would recognize the "Master's voice."

God gave free choice to everyone. Some have chosen to be uninvolved in the church and have left it. Some have gone to other churches, leaving their names on the roll of the first. Some remind us of Jesus' parable of the sower when seed fell in poor or shallow soil. They have no roots, have been dried up and destroyed by the heat of adversity or drawn away by Satan's having taken away the word from their hearts and minds.

Having said that, I am sure neither Mr. Reussow, I, nor anyone else can bring a man or woman back into the church against their will. They decide. Actually, Jesus told his disciples to leave the city — shake its dust from their feet — if the people would not hear them. Therefore, having tried, we are expected to devote our energies to those who may yet respond to Christ's message of love and reconciliation.

I know from the rolls of my own church that the numbers are misleading. There is a process by which members CAN be removed from the rolls of the United Methodist Church. Kindness, fear of offending another family member, maybe, or laziness prevents our going through the process, which is too long and arduous.

People should be confronted with the choice of having their names removed or of accepting THEIR responsibility for those vows they once made to God and congregations. We do them no favor allowing more procrastination. Instead, we weaken our Christ's cause and that of the church, implying it is okay to delay, while they continue in ignorance of Christ's claim on their lives.

Sybil Austin Skakle
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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When a special tribute was paid to Harry Denman in 1967, these were the participants. Left to right: Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Dr. Denman, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Dr. Billy Graham, and Dr. Lee F. Tuttle.

DR. HARRY DENMAN

1893 - 1976

In the photo at left, Dr. Denman is shown with Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ehwa University, Seoul, Korea, and fellow-workers.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRAVELING SALESMAN

NOTE: *This article appeared in* Guideposts Magazine *in July 1993, and was written by Richard H. Schneider, Senior Staff Editor and, since 1992, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Evangelism.*

Though I was in his company for only a few hours, he had a profound effect on my life.

He came to our little Methodist Church in Glencoe, Illinois, like an old newspaper blown to the front door. No big announcements, no hoopla. The pastor simply said one Sunday morning that Harry Denman, a layman and traveling evangelist, was coming by to speak that evening. I had never heard of him, and at first I rebelled. Why couldn't they fit him into the regular service? Sunday evening had my favorite television shows.

Come that evening, however, I was grudgingly ensconced in a pew. A craggy-browed, graying man in a rumpled suit ambled to the podium. He certainly didn't look like much.

It was his voice that first got me: deep and sonorous, yet with a friendly homeyness. He was easy to listen to. But he reached me even more when he spoke of Jesus. I had always thought of Jesus as being "up there" with God, far removed from the world's nitty-gritty. But as Harry Denman talked in simple, matter-of-fact terms, I began to feel Christ's presence. This man obviously knew Him — knew Him as those sweaty fishermen on the Galilean wharves had.

I sat mesmerized as he told how Jesus can help us through our darkest nights, how He can guide us. "Prayer is not just talking and asking; it is *listening* to God," he said.

Then he spoke about our part in the relationship: love. "I'm not very sympathetic to the idea of just telling people, 'God loves you.' So many people are doing that, and it's not enough. Love has to be *seen.*"

He admitted he himself had once wanted to put up billboards saying God Loves You. But he felt the Lord telling him, "You don't have to put up billboards. *You* are a billboard."

I found myself enrapt. Religion, I was beginning to understand, was more than listening to Sunday sermons, and life wasn't just looking forward to job promotions and vacations with the ultimate goal of a company pension. Life and religion, it seemed, could be an ongoing adventure, with exciting possibilities, and a destination so wonderful I wanted to do everything I could to be ready for it.

Harry Denman left the next morning as quietly as he had come, traveling to his next engagement by Greyhound bus (often his mode of travel), carrying only a briefcase with a fresh shirt, pajamas and a change of underwear — which was just about all he owned.

Intrigued by this unprepossessing person who walked so humbly with God, I endeavored to learn more about him. I read his biography, *Harry Denman,* written by Harold Rogers for The Upper Room Books in Nashville, Tennessee, and from which much of the information in this article is taken.

Born of poor parents in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1893, Harry Denman left school at the age of 10 and worked as an errand boy. His Sunday school teacher encouraged him to get an education; he eventually worked his way through college, and by age 31 had earned his master of arts degree. He went on to hold leadership positions in the Methodist Church, including secretary of its General Board of Evangelism, which he almost single-handedly forged from one man and a helper in a tiny office to an organization of some 250 people.

But Harry's first love was speaking. He traveled continually and was booked two years in advance. He made more than 400 talks in 19 countries in just one year alone. During some 50 years of going all over the world, he talked with bartenders, porters, airline pilots, housewives, boys and girls. Cab drivers told this genial old-shoe of a man their troubles — and drove away with a good tip, in more ways than one.

When he discovered that one cab driver's wife had left him because of his alcoholism, Harry asked, "Does your wife know you're now sober?"

"She wouldn't believe me," said the driver. Harry took down the woman's address and wrote a letter assuring her that her husband had stopped drinking.

At a restaurant he noted the waitress's wedding band and inquired about her family. Learning she had a brand-new daughter, he asked if the baby had been baptized yet.

"We want to," she said, "but because of my work schedule we haven't been able to make those arrangements."

Before leaving the restaurant, he talked with the owner and arranged for the waitress to have the next Sunday off for the baptism.

"It's our actions that speak, not what we say," Harry often said. "Maybe you have a friend or business associate who's in trouble. Help in any way you can, but always watch for the right moment to tell him where you turn for strength and courage."

It was because of this that Billy Graham called Harry the greatest practitioner of personal evangelism in America. "He was one of the great mentors for evangelism in my own life and ministry," Billy Graham wrote, "always ready to share his advice and wisdom with me whenever I would ask him."

Too immersed in his work to marry, he felt all families were his family, and his files bulged with letters and photos of graduations and weddings, and children's drawings. Since he traveled by air in his church-supported years, he also gained the admiration of hundreds of airline stewardesses. He prayed with them, sent them books, and often wrote parents to compliment their daughters.

Stewardesses, senators, shoeshine men, Africans, Koreans, Jews — Harry Denman knew no distinction among people, regardless of their economic or educational status, or race. "I never think of anyone as a person of another race," he said. "To me we are just children of God." He began a drive to register black voters and often spoke in defense of Jews.

To Harry, no one was beyond God's love and concern. When speaking to a church women's group he was told of a prostitute living nearby. "What have you done about it?" he asked.

"We are praying for her."

"But have you gone to call on her?" he asked. 'Have you told her that God loves her and that you love her? Too often we try to substitute prayer for action. We want the Lord to do what we are not willing to do ourselves."

His Bible was his constant companion. He read it on planes, in hotel lobbies, everywhere. Every day he would copy a portion of it by longhand in a stenographer's notebook. He eventually copied the whole New Testament and Psalms, feeling that in this way he could better absorb them to guide his every thought and action.

A reporter described him as an evangelistic gyroscope who spun around the world. Harry never carried a watch. "There are clocks everywhere," he said, but he also found asking the time usually started a conversation that turned to deeper things. Never once, he said, had he sensed resentment from any one of the many thousands of people he talked to about Jesus.

A close friend of religious leaders from Oral Roberts to Bishop Fulton Sheen, Harry observed, "We have different churches, but we ought to have an ecumenical movement which will help us work together."

At age 83 he held his last preaching mission, speaking 12 times in one week in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Exhausted, he entered a hospital in Birmingham shortly thereafter. From then on, though no longer preaching, he could still pray and write letters. At the bottom of his letters he drew a cross saying "This is the church." The horizontal beam was labeled "Sacrificial love for all persons." The vertical beam carried the words "Obedient faith in God." And he always concluded his letters (and his prayers) with "Sincerely your friend, Harry Denman."

On November 8, 1976, Harry Denman died. He left nothing material except a rumpled suit, an extra shirt and a change of underwear. What he really left was a legacy of love for his fellowman, a memory of his humility and complete artlessness, and millions of changed lives.

I am grateful to be one of them.

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'HE'S BETTER THAN YOU SAID HE WAS'

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we are concerned about the Cubans!"

Harry has a way of making people examine themselves. When the Good News Movement met in Dallas, I sent him a clipping about the great meeting. Harry wrote back asking, "How many elevator operators were won for Christ while the evangelicals were meeting in Dallas? How many waitresses, cab drivers and parking lot attendants were witnessed to?" Good questions.

He has a sense of humor. He wrote me in Mississippi during a hot summer month. "Pray that the air conditioning will break down and preach on hell!"

He has no home. He preaches somewhere every day. This is home. I love Harry Denman. Thousands who have been touched by his life love him. God became flesh in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ became flesh in Harry Denman, as nearly as a human being can be like Him.

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES ON EVANGELISM: LIVING IN A THREE-STORIED UNIVERSE

by

Walter Brueggemann
Abingdon Press, 1993
139 Pages

I've been waiting for this one! Walter Brueggemann, noted biblical scholar, has given us a cogent and biblically-based volume on evangelism. He examines evangelism from its biblical perspective, hence, the title.

Brueggemann has written this timely book as many Protestant denominations search for an answer and reversal of their diminishing memberships. As laity and clergy call for a return to an emphasis on evangelism, Brueggemann observes there is no "...consensus about strategies and procedures." Further, he rightly points out that "...evangelism clearly means many different things to many different people."

Brueggemann holds that one must return to the biblical text-scripture to determine the meaning and essence of evangelism. He does so in the face of growing secularism, yet acknowledging ours is a society starved for the "news" — the Good News! He argues that both liberals and conservatives have added to the climate of discord relative to evangelism. Liberals because of their "...misreading toward expressive individualism." Conservatives, because of their "...propensity toward legalistic conformity which in the end is characteristically allied with free market politics and economics."

The length of this volume could be misleading. Its relative brevity might cause the reader to conclude it is a quick-read. It is not! Powerfully written sentences, packed paragraphs, will slow the reader down, — reflecting, pondering, arguing, affirming.

Those who are familiar with Brueggemann's works know that he writes as an artist. He paints pictures, uses imagination, embraces drama. Thus, this book about evangelism is different than most. It contains the rare combination of biblical and intellectual integrity and persuasive passion.

The reader will appreciate the author's approach to view evangelism through "three-stories," "the promise," "the liberation of slaves," "the gift of land." These stories, each seen in biblical context, Brueggemann asserts, ". . . contain poignant good news about God, the promise-maker, the liberator, the promise-keeper."

Read this book expecting to have some cherished ideas and beliefs challenged. Never recklessly so but nonetheless, challenged. Conservatives and liberals will take their lumps. You must decide who takes more.

Brueggemann's "taxonomy of evangelism" will prove helpful in understanding his insistence that, "Evangelism is a drama in three scenes, containing distinct elements," and when seen as such makes for a more holistic understanding and approach to it. Such a view he would maintain avoids parochialism as well as excesses in the evangelistic task. He also suggests the drama is not over! No doubt this will cause some discomfort!

Evangelism is about "Insiders" and "Outsiders." And how "Outsiders" become "Insiders!" Some in the church have viewed it exclusively as about "Outsiders." Brueggemann, however, addresses the several constituencies to whom the Good News is addressed — "The Outsider who stands apart" from those who have heard the news and who live by other news. But also to the insiders, "who have grown careless, weary, jaded, and cynical about the faith."

I believe the reader will find of special interest the third constituency to whom the Good News is addressed. According to Brueggemann, they are the children of believers who may or may not grow up to become "consenting adults."

He admits to this latter group, "...the matter of evangelism is more complex and more difficult..." Yet his suggestions and insights will be welcomed to those attempting to meet the challenge by addressing these several constituencies. His discussion of "testimonial answers," "narratives of saturation," "narratives which command" in conjunction with sharing the faith with our children will contain the familiar as well as new insights. I was especially pleased this issue was addressed in the discussion of evangelism.

What is evangelism according to Brueggemann? It "...is to tell the old, old story, but to do so in ways that impact every aspect of our contemporary life, public and personal."

What is the "story," the "news," the announcement? Brueggemann responds: "The announcement in our context of faith and ministry must, in my judgment, be concrete, uncompromising, and Christological ... in Jesus Christ, God has overcome the power, threat, and attraction of the power of death... I suggest that this ...statement is scarcely negotiable." Amen! This book is clearly worth your reading!

READINGS, REFLECTIONS and RENEWAL

by

Woodie W. White
Resident Bishop, Indiana Area

THEY KNEW THE MAN WELL

At a memorial service for Dr. Harry Denman, held on Sunday, November 21, 1976, two who worked closely with him brought their words of testimony at the Upper Room Chapel in Nashville.

First, Mr. D.E. Jackson, business manager: "Dr. Denman was a layman who loved people. I think he had a motive in being a layman rather than an ordained minister . . . I think he was a layman by choice . . . As long as he was a layman he didn't have to account for his actions to any official board. He could go down to the jail and have dinner — Thanksgiving dinner — with the prisoners, which he often did. He could go to the penitentiary and visit with the prisoners. His purpose was to invite them to come to his Christ and that was the purpose of his whole life. He loved people. He loved old people; he loved young people; he loved children; he loved black people; he loved white people, brown people, and it was his method and his desire to bring those people to know his Christ. That, I think, is evangelism."

Then words from Bishop Roy H. Short, former editor of *The Upper Room*: "He really pulled through life. Despite the fact that he had thousands of friends all around the world, life for him at the same time was marked by an essential loneliness . . . He never knew what it was to have the love and the companionship of brothers and sisters because he was an only child. He never knew what it was to turn his steps toward a loved house and see a light shining in the window and find the open arms of wife and children. He never knew what it was to have a near relative. . . . His prayer life was very, very real. His prayers had about them the simplicity of the prayers of a little child and again something of the profundity of the prayers of St. Paul. One of his secrets was this marvelously rich, continuing prayer life that made him able to say, 'Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me'.

"The same thing was true of the way he lived with the Book. He never went to seminary and he never had a license to preach, but he lived with the Book. He knew the Book and he mastered it and his preaching came out of the Book. . . . He got the idea of just copying the Scriptures — writing it out in longhand — until he would fill notebooks with just copyings of words. . . . Now because the Father was with him he lived simply. His habits of living simply grew out of the fact that the Father was with him. . . . The lovely simplicity of his life, wanting so little, grew out of the fact, most of us who knew him believe, that the Father was with him."

A LETTER ABOUT A LOT

When Harry Denman read an article from his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama, while he was preaching in Detroit, he learned that a Private First Class, a black man who lost his life in Vietnam the previous year, could not be buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, he wrote the President of that cemetery's corporation this letter:

"I have a cemetery lot in Elmwood. My mother is buried there. Mr. Sigmund G. Bauer is buried there. I am to be buried there when my body dies if I am in the United States. It is a four-grave lot. This is your authority to bury Private Bill Terry on my lot. I will be honored to have a soldier of the United States buried on my cemetery lot. God is color blind. He loves William Terry. It is my lot. Mr. Bauer is a Jew. I did not have to get permission to bury him. Please advise me when he is to be buried. Please send me the address of his mother. God bless you. God loves you. Pray for your servant, Harry Denman."

Private Perry's parents expressed their appreciation for Dr. Denman's offer, but decided their son should be buried in a lot facing their Church, Sixth Avenue Baptist. That Church was the scene of racial violence in the sixties. The soldier's burial spot is another part of Elmwood Cemetery.

HARRY DENMAN'S LEGACY
by
Charles E. Kinder

I recall Harry Denman saying in one of his masterful sermons, "You may not be aware of it, but I am a very wealthy person. I do not have an abundance of money, or material possessions, but I have treasures beyond my ability to comprehend. My Father owns more land and houses than any king who ever lived. Why, He owns 'the cattle on a thousand hills'. And, would you believe that this Alabama child is a 'joint heir with the risen Christ'?"

Harry Denman was indeed wealthy. He tapped into the treasury of heaven. From it he received gifts and power for a most effective ministry.

The United Methodist Church is far richer because of the legacy of this man. He left it well organized and highly efficient in the work of evangelism. Harry used to say, "We're still in the forgiveness business". He wanted everyone to know the forgiving love of God through Jesus Christ. He did all in his power to spread the Good News and inspired countless others to do the same. A large number of dedicated witnesses, within United Methodism and beyond, were set on fire by his evangelical passion.

Dr. Denman did "the work of an evangelist" and believed that we should all in some way be involved in the business of winning persons to Christ. Our church does most things very well, but the one who is the subject of this article would be the first to tell us that we have lost much of our effectiveness in evangelizing. Our record for the past several years proves the point. He was most interested in seeing that every local church was fruitful and could give a good report on professions of faith. This category reveals where we are falling short today. Our decline in members is to a great degree due to a failure to win persons to Christ. We would be wise to follow the example of this man who was so eager to talk to anyone about Christ. He left his beloved church a beautiful example of one-on-one evangelism. Do we dare to claim our inheritance?

Another thing Harry Denman bequeathed to our church is The Foundation for Evangelism. He had no interest in accumulating money. So when churches, or individuals, insisted on giving him a cash gift, he donated it to The Foundation for Evangelism. This was the seed money for the organization which is so influential in the church today. Because of the wisdom he demonstrated in organizing this Foundation, and because of those who have added to the funds he invested there, professors are teaching evangelism in our United Methodist seminaries and many great evangelism programs are made possible across the Church.

This Foundation exists today to perpetuate Methodism's historical commitment to evangelism which was personified in the life and ministry of Harry Denman. He once said, "One day the focus on evangelism in our Church will be on the theological seminaries." He longed for that day to come, because he wanted a well-trained and highly-efficient body of ministers (ordained or lay) to keep alive the Methodist Movement which was born in the fires of evangelism.

I once heard the late J. Wallace Hamilton preach on "Being Baptized for the Dead." He based this on Paul's reference to the custom in I Corinthians 15:19.

Dr. Hamilton stated that there was an ancient custom in which, when a king died, the one who was to ascend to the throne was baptized (anointed) in his name. He used this to call the youth of his Annual Conference to Christian discipleship. He told how dedicated men and women gave their all for God and the Church. He challenged the body by dramatically sharing how they fought evil until their backs were against the wall and died. Then he said, "Who will take up the standard? Who will take their place? Who will be baptized for the dead?"

I close this article by asking, who will dare to accept the legacy of God's servant, Harry Denman? Those who take it will also be wealthy.

OPEN HOUSE HELD IN JULY

Sponsored by the Advisory Council of The Foundation for Evangelism, an Open House was held at the Foundation's offices on Saturday, July 31, to give visitors to Lake Junaluska, as well as residents, an opportunity to see first-hand how and what the Foundation for Evangelism is doing.

Staff members of the Foundation, led by Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., and Dr. Curtis R. Schofield, toured the facility and responded to inquiries from the visitors. Chairperson of the Advisory Council is retired Bishop Edward L. Tullis, and its membership includes Drs. Harold Bales, Michael Brown, Robert F. Lundy, Charles Mercer, Nell Mohney, Richard Bailey, James Ferree, Ezra Earl Jones, and James I. Warren. Bishop Monk Bryan, Mrs. Mary Hale, Mrs. Virginia Shell, and Rev. Clarence Ploch are also members of this group.

An opportunity was given at the time of the Open House for visitors to express interest in the

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Participants in the dedication of what is now known as the Denman Building in Nashville, April, 1958, are, left to right: Bishop W. Angie Smith, Bishop Odd Hagen, Bishop Roy H. Short, Dr. Harry Denman, and Dr. J. Manning Potts.

Dr. Denman, extreme right, with staff members of the Department of Evangelism: left to right — Joe Hale, now General Secretary of the World Methodist Council; Edward P. Beck, now senior pastor of Sunrise United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Bill Peckham; James V. Lyles, pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, California; George E. Morris, new senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois, and until recently Director of World Methodist Evangelism and professor at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

WHEN HARRY DENMAN CAME TO KUANTAN

by Robert F. Lundy

We were all caught up in the construction of the first Methodist Church sanctuary on the East Coast of Malaysia, at Kuantan. It was July, 1959. Our people had embarked on a great journey of faith, since we had been using classrooms of the Methodist Girls' School and the missionary residence for meeting places for nine years, and we had little financial ability to do any building.

About the time the roof on the new structure was in place, we went to our small airport several miles inland to meet Dr. Harry Denman. He was the leader of a team of stateside evangelists and he himself was to lead us in a program of visitation evangelism. We had decided to sponsor a group of ten students from Trinity Theological College in Singapore. They would be paired off with as many church members and they would go out as teams, two-by-two, one local person with one ministerial student in each case.

An additional part of the plan was to do the visiting in the early hours of the evening, and only after the Trinity students had met for daily devotions and training by Dr. Denman each morning. What a blessing that was for these young men!

Significantly, Dr. Denman met these students in a room provided by Mr. Lim Eng at his quite new "shop-house," an upstairs residence over the ground-floor showroom of his Ford car dealership. He was glad to provide this space, although we marveled that a Buddhist would receive us in his home, with all our singing of hymns and the reading of the Bible and prayers.

(Later, following the conversion of his teenage daughter to the Christian faith and her unfortunate death, Lim Eng himself became a Christian.)

Dr. Denman and our Church lay leader were one team and the two bachelors stayed together at Mr. Tan's home. Our church members knew the way to all the homes we were to visit during those four days, and they also provided transportation as needed. The seminary students were able to make the presentations for faith in Christ in the homes where the prospects lived. The combination of familiarity with names and places along with the experience of the students worked well.

Harry Denman had a considerable influence upon our people and particularly in the experience of those future leaders of the churches in Malaysia and Singapore. One of those students is the present episcopal leader of the Church in Singapore, Bishop Ho Chee Sin. Others have become pastors over a wide spread of southeastern Asia territory.

Before we took Dr. Denman across the river to meet his flight out, I said to the head carpenter at our nearly completed Church building, "Would you please stop the hammering and wheelbarrow work long enough for these young men to come in here for a time of prayer with Dr. Denman?" We then joined hands in a circle near where the chancel soon would appear and, standing on "holy ground" — the floor had not been laid and so it really was the ground — we received the final blessing of the week from that great practitioner of evangelism. In fact, Dr. Denman's prayer was the very first worship experience held in that first Methodist building, almost in sight of the South China Sea and still the center of worship and service in the community.

HUNT TO DELIVER DENMAN LECTURES AT CONGRESS

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., president of The Foundation for Evangelism, will be the featured lecturer at the Congress on Evangelism, which will be held January 3-6, 1994, at the Hilton Hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The Congress, under the sponsorship of the Council on Evangelism, will have as its theme, "Evangelism for a New Century," and that will be the theme of the three presentations which Bishop Hunt will make.

The current president of the Council is Dr. Roberto Escamilla, pastor of Jefferson United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas, and former associate general secretary of the General Board of Discipleship. The current chairperson of the Section on Evangelism of that Board is Bishop Alfred L. Norris, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and he will speak at the opening session of the Congress on January 3.

Dr. Sam Kamaleson, vice-president at large of World Vision International, and widely known as an international evangelist following his pastorate at Madras in India, will lead the daily Bible Hour. Prayer Time is a daily feature at the Congress, and Dr. Charles D. Whittle, of Big Spring, Texas, treasurer of the Council, will conduct that part of the program.

A FURTHER WORD

Bishop Joe A. Wilson, whose article titled, "The Journey of a Vision," appeared on page 1 of our Summer 1993 issue, has written: "I want to apologize for inadvertently reversing a statistic that appears near the bottom of the second column of the first page . . . I stated that a few years ago '80 percent of our churches did not receive any converts by profession of faith.' I meant to say that two-thirds of our churches did not receive any professions of faith and that 80 percent did not have confirmation classes."

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soon-to-be published volume, "Evangelism and Christian Theology in the Wesleyan Tradition at the Close of the Twentieth Century." Edited by Professor James C. Logan, of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., the book is the collection of addresses presented at a Consultation held at Emory University early in 1992. It is being published by Kingswood Books, the academic unit related to Abingdon Press.

ADVISORY COUNCIL DETAILS DENMAN PLANS

When the Foundation's Advisory Council met at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, on June 30, the first order of business was the working out of details for the Harry Denman Centennial Celebration, set for Nashville, Tennessee, the weekend of September 24-26.

The Centennial dinner is being held on Friday evening, September 24, at West End United Methodist Church. Guest speaker for that event is Bishop Alfred L. Norris, of the Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area, with headquarters in Albuquerque. Bishop Norris, formerly president of Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, is chairperson of the Section on Evangelism of the General Board of Discipleship.

It is anticipated that among those attending this dinner will be members of the Executive Committee of that Board and its staff, since their fall meeting is being held in Nashville during the same week, and this also applies to the meeting of the Trustees of the Foundation for Evangelism.

It is anticipated that the announcement of the Distinguished Evangelist for 1993 will be made at the dinner. The recipient of that award will preach in the Upper Room Chapel in the Denman Building on the following morning, September 25. It is also expected that the names of two new E. Stanley Jones professors of evangelism for theological seminaries will be announced at the dinner.

The new volume, ***Prophetic Evangelist: The Living Legacy of Harry Denman***, will be available for the first time in this same setting. After January 1, 1994, this volume will be marketed by The Foundation for Evangelism, through its office at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, at the cost of $19.95.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mathews, center, of Union City, Michigan, were visited by Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., President of The Foundation for Evangelism and Foundation Trustee Mr. Phillip F. Connolly, shown at right. The Mathews' nephew, Mr. David LaBar, and their pastor, the Rev. Eric S. Beck, are at the left. Mr. Mathews is a new member of The Foundation Board of Trustees and Mr. Beck is a new Regional Director.

VISION 2000
A NEW MOVEMENT IN UNITED METHODISM
by
Ralph W. Mohney

James Burke, head of IBM's Search Committee for its new CEO, stated: "What IBM needs now is a creative visionary! Someone who knows how to get people excited about change!" Many United Methodists feel the same way about their churches. We need creative, visionary change agents!

VISION 2000, the new movement spreading rapidly across the church, is predicated on change — each congregation "dreaming God's dream," "having God's vision" for their church and accomplishing these by the year 2000 A.D. This biblically based and congregationally-focused strategy comes out of the ministries of Joe A. Harding, Pacific Northwest Conference, and Ralph Mohney, Holston Conference, and the unique responses of their envisioning congregations.

The Conference-wide VISION 2000 format, now being adopted across the church, began when Donald W. Haynes, then Council Director of the Western North Carolina Conference, invited the General Board of Discipleship Section on Evangelism to assist them in their multifaceted effort to counteract the 20 years of decline in membership. Under the able leadership of Bishop Bevel Jones and Don Haynes that conference has had a net gain of over 3,600 members, wiping out losses of twelve years in only three years.

This multifaceted approach includes: An empowering Launch Event; provocative and stimulating Training Events; inspired worship attendance crusades; carefully implemented clergy effectiveness seminars; emerging laity opportunities in Transformation 2000; use of GROWTH PLUS Consultations; and development of the strongest spiritual foundations.

The movement's spread has been phenomenal! To date, 31 annual conferences have voted and are now VISION 2000 Conferences! Thirteen others are interested or are in the process of becoming VISION 2000 conferences! These conferences have a membership of more than five million United Methodists!

The local church text is VISION 2000: Planning for Ministry into the Next Century, by Joe A. Harding and Ralph W. Mohney and the conference manual VISION 2000: Guide to Bold and Missional Evangelization is by Donald W. Haynes.

VISION 2000 comes as a powerful call for each church to prayerfully and expectantly revisualize their future so that every congregation may become the vital, caring, sharing redemptive fellowship in service for Christ which God would have it be.

This call is being heard! Never before in our United Methodism have so many members from so many churches gathered in so many places intent on "dreaming God's dream" and "having God's vision" at VISION 2000 Launch Events. These events brought together:

* 1,800 in Charlotte, North Carolina,
* 1,400 in Sedalia, Missouri,
* 1,400 in Yakima, Washington,
* 2,500 in Wenham, Massachusetts,
* 5,000 in Lakeland, Florida,
* 3,400 in Nacagdoches, Texas,
* 4,300 in Macon,Georgia,
* 11,000 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,

and many, many others in other locations.

More than 41,000 United Methodists have heard speakers like Joe Harding, Kirbyjohn Caldwell, Bishop Richard Wilke, George Hunter, Zan Holmes, Seth Asare, Don Haynes, Angel Toro, Roger Swanson, Ralph and Nell Mohney and the resident bishops of these areas challenge their people to reach out to God's future and "dream God's dream."

VISION 2000 Launch Events are gala occasions! Warm welcomes from parking lot attendants, to greeters, to Cabinet members and their spouses prepare members for the powerful spiritual experience they share. Great congregational singing, instrumental music, and multiple choirs provide an appropriate backdrop for the hope-filled messages.

Following the modern miracle of feeding thousands in 30-40 minutes, participants divide themselves among the 6-8 Evangelism Models being offered. These give a one-and-one-half hour "preview", affording members opportunity to choose which they attend when they return for a full day of instruction. Models include such evangelism subjects as:

Faith Sharing; Reaching Out Through the Sunday School; Extending Your Congregation's Welcome; Mobilizing Volunteers; Reaching the Baby Boomers; Older Adult Evangelism; Single Out Singles for Ministry; Leading Churches Through Change, and others.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., President of the Foundation for Evangelism, recently wrote: "VISION 2000 has made a greater spiritual impact upon United Methodism than anything I have witnessed in my nearly fifty years of ministry."

Other bishops have written: "VISION 2000 is a prayer answered. It provides a step-by-step process for leading a congregation to a posture of openness and receptivity to God's vision for each congregation" — Bishop Richard B. Wilke, Little Rock, Arkansas.

"VISION 2000 is a program which is both dynamic and practical. It combines a vision of what the church can and should be with pragmatic and tested ways to move toward the realization of that vision." — Bishop Jack M. Tuell, Pasadena, California.

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Sir Alan and Lady Winifred Walker

1986 World Methodist Peace Award

Feature Article by Thomas S. McAnally

The Rev. Alan Walker and his wife Winifred, whose shared ministry of reconciliation spans 45 years, will become the first married couple to receive the World Methodist Peace Award.

The 1986 award will be presented to the Walkers before an audience of 3,000 persons during the 15th World Methodist Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, in July.

The World Methodist Council, which confers the award, is composed of 64 member churches located in 90 countries, with a total constituency of 52 million persons. The Council, founded in 1881 in London, maintains headquarters here and a European office in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Walkers' greatest contribution to peace has come through their international evangelical ministry, particularly in the last eight years, according to Dr. Joe Hale, general secretary of the council. "During these years they have visited many of the world's nations and have freely witnessed in nine Communist countries, everywhere seeking to build relationships of friendship and good will." The Walkers have frequently declared the world's greatest asset for peace to be the universal fellowship of the Christian Church.

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METHODIST WOMEN: A World Sisterhood — Frances Nall

What is this sisterhood of Methodist and United Church women who will meet in the Seventh Assembly of The World Federation of Methodist Women in Nairobi, Kenya, July 13-20, 1986?

How did this organization begin? What is its purpose? What is it doing? All this and more is answered in the history, *Methodist Women: A World Sisterhood*, which will be presented to the Assembly by The World Federation President, Mrs. Oknah Kim Lah.

The World Federation of Methodist Women is composed of over six and one-half million women in more than sixty countries. They are on every continent and islands of the Caribbean and Pacific, and elsewhere. This history is written by thirty-three women from all parts of the globe, compiled, edited and illustrated by four from Korea, United States and Isle of Man, U.K. These dedicated members of The World Federation of Methodist Women are all volunteers, giving of their time, talents and service. This is the genius of this unique organization. All officers, past and present, are volunteers who are the decision makers. They believe Christian women working together can bring about better understanding between peoples and nations.

This history of The World Federation of Methodist Women is divided into three sections, which may be read in its entirety or used separately. The first is "The Beginnings" from 1923 when Helen Kim suggested the idea of A World Federation of Christian Women who would work together for peace. Sixteen years later The World Federation of Methodist Women was organized by the American Methodist women and others from Asia, Latin America and Europe. From 1939 to 1956 they met just prior to The Methodist General Conference in the U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Harrison,

We were greatly cheered to receive your letter just after Christmas. We look back on our time at Asheville with great joy and want again to thank you for all the kindness that you showered upon us. Thank you too for the news of some of the results of the preaching mission.

The mission at Medford in Oregon was good as was our time in Newfoundland. We came home to our Garden Fair which was successful, in that many people attended and we raised about $6,500. We have had a time of holiday and are now beginning again by plunging into the program for 1984.

In a few weeks we leave for a long journey through South America. It will be a difficult task but an important one because of the poverty and the need of the whole area.

I do hope our paths will cross again before too long. God bless you both.

Yours very sincerely,

Alan Walker

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